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49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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WATER AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY TO REPORT RESULTS OF
RESEARCH ON WATER CONSERVATION METHODS THAT REDUCE CONSUMPTIVE
USE.

WHEREAS, the legislature has received testimony on the
need for water conservation; and

WHEREAS, agriculture is the single largest consumer of
water; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 461 was negotiated and enacted in
2007 to provide incentives for irrigators to conserve more
water; and

WHEREAS, implementation of Senate Bill 461 by the office
of the state engineer has not resulted in water savings as
intended; and

WHEREAS, the need to encourage conservation and respect

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1 private property rights are inherently compatible; and

2 WHEREAS, existing state policy works contrary to that
3 goal; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico state university has continuing
5 research programs to test various water practices and their
6 impacts on consumptive use efficiencies;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico state university be
9 requested to report to the legislature the results of research
10 on water conservation methods that reduce consumptive use along
11 with any recommendations for legislation to the appropriate
12 interm committee by December 2009; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the president of New Mexico state university.